

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CASE SUMMARY

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12/17/2024

CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
BY: MMC DEPUTY

Case Number 2:24-CR-00751-MWC

Defendant Number 1

U.S.A. v. Joseph Benza III

Year of Birth 1988

☐ Indictment☒ Information

Investigative agency (FBI, DEA, etc.) FBI

NOTE: All items MUST be completed. If you do not know the answer or a question is not applicable to your case, enter "N/A."**OFFENSE/VENUE**

a. Offense charged as a:

☐ Class A Misdemeanor ☐ Minor Offense ☐ Petty Offense☐ Class B Misdemeanor ☐ Class C Misdemeanor ☒ Felony

b. Date of Offense Feb. 10, 2023

c. County in which first offense occurred

Los Angeles

d. The crimes charged are alleged to have been committed in
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY):☒ Los Angeles☐ Ventura☐ Orange☐ Santa Barbara☐ Riverside☐ San Luis Obispo☐ San Bernardino☐ Other

Citation of Offense 18 USC 242

e. Division in which the MAJORITY of events, acts, or omissions
giving rise to the crime or crimes charged occurred:☒ Western (Los Angeles, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura)☐ Eastern (Riverside and San Bernardino) ☐ Southern (Orange)**RELATED CASE**Has an indictment or information involving this defendant and
the same transaction or series of transactions been previously
filed and dismissed before trial?☒ No☐ Yes

If "Yes," Case Number:

Pursuant to General Order 21-01, criminal cases may be related
if a previously filed indictment or information and the present
case:a. arise out of the same conspiracy, common scheme,
transaction, series of transactions or events; orb. involve one or more defendants in common, and would
entail substantial duplication of labor in pretrial, trial or
sentencing proceedings if heard by different judges.Related case(s), if any (**MUST MATCH NOTICE OF RELATED
CASE**):**PREVIOUSLY FILED COMPLAINT/CVB CITATION**

A complaint/CVB citation was previously filed on: n/a

Case Number:

Assigned Judge:

Charging:

The complaint/CVB citation:

☐ is still pending☐ was dismissed on:**PREVIOUS COUNSEL**Was defendant previously represented? ☐ No ☐ Yes

IF YES, provide Name:

Phone Number:

COMPLEX CASE

Are there 8 or more defendants in the Indictment/Information?

☐ Yes*☒ NoWill more than 12 days be required to present government's
evidence in the case-in-chief?☐ Yes*☒ No*AN ORIGINAL AND 1 COPY (UNLESS ELECTRONICALLY FILED)
OF THE NOTICE OF COMPLEX CASE MUST BE FILED AT THE
TIME THE INDICTMENT IS FILED IF EITHER "YES" BOX IS
CHECKED.**SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT/INFORMATION****IS THIS A NEW DEFENDANT?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

This is the n/a superseding charge (i.e., 1st, 2nd).

The superseding case was previously filed on:

Case Number

The superseded case:

☐ is still pending before Judge/Magistrate Judge☐ was previously dismissed on

Are there 8 or more defendants in the superseding case?

☐ Yes*☐ NoWill more than 12 days be required to present government's
evidence in the case-in-chief?☐ Yes*☐ NoWas a Notice of Complex Case filed on the Indictment or
Information?☐ Yes☐ No*AN ORIGINAL AND 1 COPY OF THE NOTICE OF COMPLEX CASE
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INTERPRETERIs an interpreter required? ☐ YES ☒ NO

IF YES, list language and/or dialect:

OTHER☒ Male ☐ Female☒ U.S. Citizen ☐ Alien

Alias Name(s) _____

This defendant is charged in:

☒ All counts☐ Only counts: _____☐ This defendant is designated as "High Risk" per
18 USC § 3146(a)(2) by the U.S. Attorney.☐ This defendant is designated as "Special Case" per
18 USC § 3166(b)(7).Is defendant a juvenile? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIF YES, should matter be sealed? ☐ Yes ☐ NoThe area(s) of substantive law that will be involved in this case
include(s):☐ financial institution fraud ☐ public corruption☐ government fraud ☐ tax offenses☐ environmental issues ☐ mail/wire fraud☐ narcotics offenses ☐ immigration offenses☒ violent crimes/firearms ☐ corporate fraud☒ Other 18 USC 242 _____**CUSTODY STATUS**Defendant is **not in custody**:

a. Date and time of arrest on complaint: n/a

b. Posted bond at complaint level on: _____
in the amount of \$ _____c. PSA supervision? ☐ Yes ☐ No

d. Is on bail or release from another district:

Defendant is **in custody**:a. Place of incarceration: ☐ State ☐ Federal

b. Name of Institution: _____

c. If Federal, U.S. Marshals Service Registration Number:

d. ☐ Solely on this charge. Date and time of arrest:e. On another conviction: ☐ Yes ☐ NoIF YES: ☐ State ☐ Federal ☐ Writ of Issuef. Awaiting trial on other charges: ☐ Yes ☐ NoIF YES: ☐ State ☐ Federal AND

Name of Court: _____

Date transferred to federal custody: _____

This person/proceeding is transferred from another district
pursuant to F.R.Cr.P. _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ 40**EXCLUDABLE TIME**

Determinations as to excludable time prior to filing indictment/information. EXPLAIN: _____

Date 12/17/2024

/s/ Susan Har

Signature of Assistant U.S. Attorney

Susan Har

Print Name